**Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai**: My question was, whether Government are aware that there have been complaints ventilated through the Press?

**Mr. K. Sankaran**: I am not at present aware of that, Sir. I claim notice.

*Crude Oil Buses.*

28. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of crude oil buses purchased by Government for the State Transport Service till date 1-10-1938; and

(*b*) the number of crude oil buses in regular service at present?

**Mr. K. Sankaran**: (*a*) & (*b*) No crude oil buses were purchased; but seventy-one buses operating on High Speed Diesel oil were purchased. Of these, forty buses are now in regular service.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: May I know Sir, what has happened to the 31 buses which are not plying now?

**Mr. K. Sankaran**: They are not put in service owing to the absence of some spare parts. At present there is difficulty of getting these spare parts on account of war conditions in Europe.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Am I to take it that these buses would remain out of service for ever?

**Mr. K. Sankaran**: Attempts are being made in the P. W. D. Workshops to manufacture some of these parts.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: May I know whether there is any idea of having petrol driven engines instead of crude oil engines?

**Mr. K. Sankaran**: Experiments are being conducted to run these buses with charcoal gas.

**Mr. V. Sankara Menon** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): May I know whether these 31 buses which are kept idle will not become useless in course of time?

**Mr. K. Sankaran**: Government are attempting to make them serviceable as far as possible.

*Vacancies in Primary Schools.*

29. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are several primary schools where two or three long leave vacancies exist without substitutes being appointed in them, and the reason why substitutes are not being appointed in vacancies consequent on the grant of leave to teachers for one or two months; and

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